



**GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION**

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**Education Committee  
Draft Agenda  
Thursday, August 18th, 2009  
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

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**2:00 Welcome from the Chair-Kris Johnston**

- Welcome new members, introductions
- Announcements and Good News

**2:03 Roll Call: Lenny DiPaolo, recorder**

*Voting members:* Art Arnold, Anna Attla, Julie Broyles, Taylor Gregg, Kris Johnston, Deborah Kitelinger, Dean Konopasek, Ric Nelson, John Owens, Chris Saddler

*Community members, Staff and Guests:* Geri Benshoof, Belinda Burns, Janean Bulter, Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus, Kay Holmes, Hettie Hume, Karen Jenkins, David Kvasager, Barbara Murray, Nancy Nagarkar, Christie Reinhardt, Heidi Frost, Teresa Holt and guests

**2:05 Election of new voting member to replace Eric Gebhart-Kris Johnston**

**2:10 Approval of Agenda and Approval of past minutes-Kris Johnston**

- June 18, 2009

**2:10 Correspondence-Teresa Holt**

- Sec of Ed, Arne Duncan visiting Alaska this summer

**2:25 Presentation by Eric McCormick on testing data????- Kris Johnston**

- Nominations so far-Anna Attla, Kris Johnston
- Stakeholder meeting in Juneau, Aug 11-13

**2:40 Approval of letter with indicator recommendations for Art- Teresa Holt**

**2:50 Result of Budget recommendations for Trust (GF only)-Kris Johnston**

**3:00 Update on Council Priorities-Kris Johnston & Teresa Holt**

1. Support SB 109 in removing the HSGQE as a requirement for a diploma
2. Ensure Special Education Service Agency (SESA) has adequate, permanent funding
3. Advocate for a 10% increase in "Alaska Grown" special education teachers and related service providers

4. Prepare recommendations from survey on 504 issues and present to the State Board of Education.

**3:10 Report from State Board of Education-Geri Benshoof**

**3:15 Report from Art Arnold**

**3:20 Important Future Meetings/Conferences/Trainings-Kris Johnston**

- **Approval of Travel Budget by the Exe Committee-Kris Johnston**
- **ASD (autism) Summer Institute** Aug 3-7 in Anchorage-*Christie R*
- **OSEP leadership conference** Aug 17-19 in Washington DC-*Kris J, Teresa H,*
- **Alaska Special Education Directors Conference**-week of September 20<sup>th</sup> in Anchorage-???
- **TASH 2009** Nov 18-21 in Pittsburg, PA-???

**3:25 Next Meeting- Kris Johnston**

- September 1-3, 2009 Face to face meeting